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SUBJECT: FOREIGN CRITICISM OF SOMOZA; MIGUEL OTERO SILVA

REF: MANAGUA 482, MANAGUA 673

1. AMONG FOREIGN INTELLECTUALS SIGNING LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER WAS VENEZUELAN JOURNALIST AND POET MIGUEL OTERO SILVA. OTERO IS ONE OF VENEZUELA'S MOST FAMOUS LIVING MEN OF LETTERS. LAST YEAR HE CELEBRATED 50 YEARS AS A WORKING JOURNALIST. DURING HIS CAREER HE HAS PERFORMED EVERY JOURNALISTIC TASK - FROM SPORTS REPORTER TO EDITOR OF A MAJOR METROPOLITAN DAILY. ASSOCIATED WITH THE CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL, OF WHICH HE IS PART OWNER, SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1943, HE WAS FOR SOME YEARS DIRECTOR OF THE NEWSPAPER.

2. ALWAYS SITUATED TO THE LEFT POLITICALLY, OTERO WAS A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY FROM THE 1920'S TO ABOUT 1950. SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN ON THE OUTS WITH THE PARTY. HE WAS EXILED UNDER DICTATORS GOMEZ (1928-1935) AND PEREZ JIMENEZ (1952-1953). FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO VENEZUELA, HE WON THE NATIONAL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN 1956 AND WAS DECORATED BY THE SAME PEREZ JIMENEZ. IN 1975 HE RECEIVED VENEZUELA'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE
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ORDER OF THE LIBERATOR, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER. OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF MANY "NOBLE CAUSES," SUCH AS THE PEACE PARTISANS STANDING COMMITTEE MANIFESTO CONDEMNING THE ATOMIC BOMB IN 1950.
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